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White House In Disarray: The Crises Never End

By Ann Devroy Washington Post Service WASHINGTON — Launched with all the tools of the modern White House, the presidential health care initiative took off like a rocket but spluttered for weeks afterward while the details were being decided.

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sentation. Organized enough to have victory within reach on the North American Free Trade Agreement, it remained nearly silent on the issue during the summer, allowing opponents to build up a powerful head of steam.

"We've had too many near-death experiences in here," said a White House aide in describing the careening from one crisis to another.

"We've got to figure out a system so people's hearts aren't stopping in sheer terror all the time."

These problems, and last month's string of foreign policy crises, are symptomatic of the White House's difficulties. While it sports a huge agenda, it has trouble organizing that agenda efficiently and promoting it with one voice in a form digestible to the public.

The result, as President Bill Clinton seems to recognize, is that Americans have little sense of what the Clinton presidency stands for, of where it wants to lead the country.

Asked on television about polls that indicate more than 70 percent of Americans think the nation is going in the wrong direction, Mr. Clinton said: "I think in a way it may be my fault. I go from one thing to another. So we have one moment on national service, the signature idea of my campaign, and it happens, but it happens in the middle of all these other things, so nobody knows it happened. I think that's a big problem."

Some of the causes of this "big problem" are evident to officials and to students of presidential history.

This White House lacks a powerful chief of staff able to track the flow of events, respond quickly to them and impose order. Instead, authority is diffuse, spread out among the White House chief of staff, Thomas F. (Mac) McLarty, two senior advisors, David R. Gergen and George Stephanopoulos, and a galaxy of others playing key roles on certain issues.

Mr. Clinton, by most accounts, wants only one person to be in charge: himself. "That makes managing this place very daunting," an official said. "The president is into everything, wants to decide everything, wants the details of everything."

Complicating the management task is the unprecedented advisory role of the first lady, which has created another center of authority. While she is most publicly known for constructing and promoting the health care plan, she is at the center of numerous major decisions, such as

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Christopher Seeks Deputy With Career Credentials

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration is looking for a seasoned foreign service officer to replace the No. 2 official in the State Department, who was forced out by staunch criticism of U.S. foreign policy performance.

Administration officials said they wanted someone along the lines of Lawrence S. Eagleburger, who was deputy secretary of state and then secretary of state in the administration of George Bush.

The vacancy was created Monday with the resignation of Deputy Secretary of State Clifford R. Wharton Jr., the first top-level official to leave the Clinton administration. Mr. Wharton was also the highest-ranking black official in State Department history.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher is said to have long complained about what he considered Mr. Wharton's lackluster performance and reportedly told President Bill Clinton several days ago that he wanted a career diplomat in the job. Mr. Wharton is a former president of Michigan State University and chancellor of the State University of New York system.

Rumors of Mr. Wharton's resignation had circulated in Washington for weeks as the Clinton administration came under fire for foreign policy failures in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Somalia and Haiti.

But Mr. Wharton was not directly involved in the formulation of the policies that have run into trouble. His portfolio included the reorganization of the State Department, the foreign aid budget and the restructuring of the Agency for International Development.

It is Peter Tarnoff, the State Department's third-ranking official, who holds the title of undersecretary of state for political affairs, who has been Mr. Christopher's representative at White House meetings of the so-called deputies committee, where initial foreign-policy formulations are made. Ultimately, foreign policy is set by the president with the secretary of state.

Senior White House and State Department officials asserted that Mr. Wharton was not being blamed for policy setbacks and that his resignation was not the beginning of a purge of officials.

"Dr. Wharton's reasons for leaving had nothing to do with hot spots around the world, but had everything to do with his view of the job and the secretary's view of the job," Michael



Soldiers looking on as a car was removed Tuesday in the Gaza Strip. It was attacked by Palestinians, and its driver was killed. Page 2.

Jordanian Voters Spurn the Radicals

By Youssef M. Ibrahim New York Times Service AMMAN, Jordan — Jordanians have given a strong endorsement to the Middle East peace process, spurning Islamic fundamentalists in elections whose principal platform was opposition to peace talks with Israel.

The Islamic Action Front, which fielded 36 fundamentalist candidates, won only 16 seats in Jordan's 80-member parliament, results showed Tuesday.

The Muslim fundamentalist voting bloc of party adherents and independent legislators allied with them also shrank significantly, to 18, from 32 in the last parliament.

The change in the direction and mood of the Jordanian electorate was more significant because of a large turnout of 68 percent of the estimated 1.2 million eligible voters, answering King Hussein's repeated appeal to preserve Jordan's participation in the peace process and elect "responsible" representatives who will preserve Jordan's interest.

In the 1989 election, only 49 percent of eligible voters went to the polls. Jordanians have since concluded that the lackluster attitude contributed to the triumph of the well-organized militants.

The result Tuesday exceeded expectations of anti-fundamentalist forces here, all the more so since it came amid a flurry of secret and public negotiations between Jordanians and Israelis.

In Brussels, the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman, Yasser Arafat, predicted that the two countries will "sign a friendly agreement" within days.

Visibly pleased with the election results, a beaming King Hussein said at a press conference, "I don't find in our Islam anything that stands in the way of peace or progress."

In response to questions about his secret contacts with Israeli leaders, the king seemed to confirm existence of the contacts without further comment. He said, "We are now engaged in this peace process, and we are committed to it."

When asked when he might visit Jerusalem or meet publicly with Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin of Israel, Hussein only smiled, saying, "All in good time."

The election offered a reliable look at how much support Muslim militants can gain in a democratic framework. The result was an unmistakable rejection of social and economic programs presented by the fundamentalists in the past four years.

Several leading Muslim fundamentalists, including the parliament's speaker, Abdelatif Arabiyat, lost their seats. Independent supporters of the Islamic bloc were voted down in favor of moderate tribal figures who will support the government and the king. Hussein played heavily on tribal loyalties during the election campaign.

Voters also elected the first female member of parliament in Jordanian history. Tojan Faisal, who had failed to win a seat in the 1989 parliamentary elections in the face of fierce opposition by fundamentalists to her views and sex.

Mrs. Faisal, a 44-year-old mother of three. See MIDEAST, Page 4

France Strikes Back at Islamic Militants

By Alan Riding New York Times Service PARIS — In apparent reprisal for the kidnapping of three French citizens by Islamic fundamentalists in Algeria last month, the French police Tuesday arrested 88 suspected members or sympathizers of Algeria's banned Islamic Salvation Front living in France.

The crackdown also reflected France's mounting concern about the influence of Islamic fundamentalists on this country's 3 million Muslims as well as a desire to bolster

the besieged government in its former North African possession.

The Interior Ministry said: "France cannot accept the use of religion as a cover for political movements aimed at causing disorders and which violate the fundamental principles of the republic." Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said the raids were meant to ensure that everyone in France respected French laws.

Until recently, Iran has been viewed as posing the greatest fundamentalist threat to France, and relations between the two countries are again tense. Last week, France an-

gered Tehran by granting asylum to Maryam Rajavi, who was recently named future Iranian head of state by the Iraq-based National Resistance Council.

In Tehran on Tuesday, two grenades were thrown into the garden of the French Embassy and a third was aimed at the Air France office. Reuters reported that anonymous callers said the attacks were to warn France because it had agreed to admit Mrs. Rajavi.

The sweep Tuesday by police and intelligence agents took place before dawn in Paris and its surrounding suburbs, as well as in

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On Eve of Summit, A Gesture by Beijing On Human Rights

Red Cross Might Be Allowed Access To Political Prisoners, Qian Says

By Patrick E. Tyler New York Times Service BEIJING — Signaling what would be a major policy shift on human rights, China said Tuesday that it was ready to discuss allowing the International Committee of the Red Cross access to its more than 3,000 political prisoners.

The signal came from Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, in an interview with American journalists in advance of a summit meeting planned for next week in Seattle between President Bill Clinton and the Chinese Communist Party secretary, Jiang Zemin.

Mr. Qian said, "We believe that Chinese-U.S. relations are at an important juncture."

He added that the opportunity "for the presidents of our two countries to meet with each other and exchange views" was of major significance not as a "negotiating session" or for "picture taking," but for a discussion of "a broader and longer-term perspective" on Chinese-U.S. relations.

Mr. Qian indicated that Mr. Jiang planned to take a hard line at the talks against the continuing American policy of linking China's rights performance to trade relations, a stance Washington has maintained since the 1989 Tiananmen Square military crackdown.

But in answering a question about the persistent efforts of rights groups to visit and inspect Chinese prisoners, Mr. Qian said: "I believe that if the Red Cross does not put forward such a request for exchanges, we would give positive consideration to that request."

Western diplomats and rights workers, who for years have been urging China publicly and privately to take such a step, immediately applauded. If carried out, the move would reverse four decades of Communist refusals to allow any outside humanitarian organization access to the tens of thousands of Chinese who over the decades have been imprisoned, tortured or persecuted for their beliefs.

Coming as it did days before Mr. Qian and President Jiang leave for the United States for their first meeting with Mr. Clinton, the statement appeared timed to improve the atmosphere on the human rights issue.

Mr. Clinton has said that "overall, significant progress" in improving China's human rights record will be the central determinant in whether he renews China's favorable trade status in June.

Just three weeks ago, Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher said he did not think he could recommend renewal of China's trade privileges based on its poor human rights record since Mr. Clinton set out his new conditions in May.

A number of American business leaders have been urging the United States and China to break out of a relationship dominated by revulsion and reprisal for China's crackdown on democracy demonstrators, which has since been followed by harsh political repression.

Some American corporate leaders fear that U.S. companies will fall behind Japan and Europe in exploiting opportunities to build new markets in China, whose economy will grow 13 percent this year and may continue to grow at 10 percent a year for the rest of the decade.

Business leaders have warned that if Mr. Clinton cancels China's trade privileges, the

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Chinese Aliens Find a Logjam In East Europe

By John Pomfret Washington Post Service PRAGUE — With its garish red phenives and green dragons, and a neon sign advertising Tsingtao beer, the Golden Lotus looks like an average Chinese restaurant on any busy European street. The only problem is that the Golden Lotus, a one-room bistro with eight tables, has 325 employees.

The restaurant, Czech investigators say, is one of dozens of Chinese-owned businesses here that have sprouted in the past two years to serve not Czechs hungry for Chinese food, but Chinese hungry to flee China.

In Prague, Budapest, Bucharest and Warsaw, scores of Chinese-owned businesses have taken advantage of relaxed East European immigration and investment policies to smuggle thousands of Chinese out of China along a corridor from Beijing to Moscow to Eastern Europe and the West.

When Czech police investigators stopped an illegal Chinese immigrant two months ago and took him back to his apartment, they were surprised to find that the dingy third-floor apartment was the mail drop for 130 Chinese companies.

"None of them did any business here," said Miroslava Polova, an official of the Czech Republic's immigration police. "They just used the businesses as a way to get visas for the Chinese. They register the business, use the license to import workers. But once the Chinese get here, they would move them to the West."

Now, however, as a result of tighter immigration policies in Western Europe and moves by U.S. immigration authorities to stem the influx of Chinese into the United States, thousands of Chinese are finding themselves stuck in Eastern Europe.

In the last week of October 1992, for example, 109 Chinese illegal aliens were found arriving at Kennedy International Airport in New York, mostly on flights from Europe. In the same week of this year, the total was down to seven, according to a U.S. immigration official.

Germany also has recently tightened its restrictions on Chinese carrying Czech residence permits. Formerly they could get visas in a day; now it takes two months. Airlines flying into the United States have tightened checks on their passengers' travel documents.

By night, Li Daming, 26, washes dishes at the Golden Lotus. By day, the former factory worker tries to find the men who took \$8,000 of his relatives' money, and promised him a ticket to the United States.

"I'm stuck here. I've got no money," Mr. Li said. "I can eat because I'm at the restaurant, but that's not a life. Sometimes I think I'd like to return to China, but if I did I couldn't face my family."

Since the fall of communism and the opening of borders, Chinese and other groups, including Russians, Ukrainians, Armenians, Pakistanis and Sri Lankans, have been using Eastern Europe as a route to the West.

For several years, Budapest was the center of the trade in human cargo because of lax enforcement and the ease with which illegal aliens could move into Austria and then to Germany and France.

But in the spring of last year, the police in Hungary began rounding up Chinese and other illegal aliens. Hundreds were placed in a detention center in Kerepesvaras, where riots broke out. Border patrols were tightened and close to 1 million people of all nationalities were denied entry because they lacked proper travel documents or sufficient funds to pay for their trip home. In March 1992, Hungary also reinstated visa requirements for Chinese.

The business moved to Prague. The city's Chinese restaurants multiplied to 30 from three in less than a year, partly because of rising tourism but also as a way to secure residency cards for Chinese. Chi-

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Kiosk U.S. to Test GIs in Germany for HIV HEIDELBERG, Germany (WP) — Reacting Tuesday to the mushrooming AIDS scandal in Germany, U.S. military officials recommended HIV testing for all American soldiers and family members who have received blood transfusions in German hospitals over the past 15 years.



IN THE HOT SEAT — Bryce Taylor, owner of the LA Fitness Club in London, is one of the targets of legal action by the Princess of Wales over secret photographs of her taken in the club. Page 2.

Want to Live Longer? Stop Smiling and Don't Throw Caution to the Wind

By Daniel Goleman New York Times Service NEW YORK — Score one for those pious voices of prudence: Being cautious and somewhat dour is a key to longevity, according to a 60-year study of more than 1,000 men and women.

Those who were conscientious as children were 30 percent less likely to die in any given year of adulthood than their most free-wheeling peers. But those who were ebullient in childhood fared less well in life's roulette wheel; they were about 6 percent more likely to die in any given year than the least cheerful children.

At the age of 11, the children were evaluated by their parents and teachers on measures that Mr. Friedman summarized into five personality traits: sociability and extroversion; self-esteem and confidence; physical energy and activity level; conscientiousness, and, last, "cheerfulness," a combination of optimism and sense of humor.

To his surprise, Mr. Friedman found that traits like sociability and self-esteem had no relationship to how long people lived. Perhaps the biggest surprise was that optimism in childhood had a negative impact on longevity; other studies have shown an optimistic outlook to have positive benefits for health, at least in short-term situations like recovery from surgery. But those studies defined optimism differently, as a sense of control over events in life.

Among the traits that mark people as conscientious, Mr. Watson said, are thinking things through before acting, being dependable in following through on their commitments, adopting conventional norms of morality and being neat and orderly. "They often have ambitious long-term goals and work hard to fulfill them," Mr. Watson said. "They are not risk takers."

AMERICAN TOPICS

An Architect's Quest For Safer Stairways

"Stair safety should matter as much as brakes on a car," says John Templar, an Atlanta architect who wrote "The Staircase," a two-volume study. "But people don't think of stairs as dangerous."

Yet every year, he says, a million people in the United States need medical treatment for falls on staircases, about 50,000 are hospitalized and 4,000 die. He says stairs are inherently dangerous, and often steep, slippery, and inadequately railed in as well.

"All stairs are dangerous, it's a matter of degree," he said. But "there are ways to mitigate the danger."

Most stairs now have 9-inch (23-centimeter) treads and 8 1/2-inch risers, a size determined around 1850, he said. But people today have bigger feet that hang over the edges of stairs, throwing them off balance. He wants building codes revised for stairs

with 11-inch treads and 7-inch risers.

The National Association of Home Builders says larger stairs would add at least 150 square feet (14 square meters) and \$1,500 in costs to a typical house. An association spokesman dismissed Mr. Templar's work, saying people fall when stairs are improperly lighted, have loose carpeting or have objects placed in the way.

True enough, Mr. Templar says, but the stairs themselves are usually the problem.

Short Takes

The Animal Kingdom: A real kangaroo court materialized in Tulsa, Oklahoma, when the plaintiff, claiming that two dogs had caused the death of her kangaroo, brought a live marsupial to court against Judge Allan Klein's orders. The judge declared a mistrial. • The police in Florence, South Carolina, are looking for an armed robber and his accomplice, a gray dog with black spots. A police spokesman said that while the man held up a shoe store, "the dog sat at the front door, barking at people as they came to the door."

Gloria Iverson of Oregon City, Oregon, won the right to have vanity license plates that exhort fellow drivers to "Pray." Ms. Iverson, a businesswoman and lay minister, had sued the state Motor Vehicles Division, claiming its ban on plates that promote religion violates the U.S. and Oregon constitutions. Circuit Court Judge Sid Brockley agreed, ruling that the state had "created a limited public forum" by allowing car owners to express their opinions on custom plates. The agency may appeal, a spokesman said.

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Arthur Higbee

Leo Theremin Dies, Musical Inventor

The Associated Press
MOSCOW—Leo Theremin, 97, a pioneer in the development of electronic music, died Nov. 3.

A scientist as well as a musician, Mr. Theremin invented an electronic musical instrument that became known as the theremin, which could be described as an early synthesizer.

The theremin was used to provide musical effects in the hit song of the Beach Boys, "Good Vibrations."

Known in the West as Leo Theremin, his Russian name was Lev Sergeyevich Teremin. He demonstrated his instrument in the 1920s in Berlin to Albert Einstein.

Mr. Theremin ran into trouble with the Soviet authorities at the end of the 1930s and spent time in a Siberian labor camp. After his release, he worked for the KGB security service and invented an electronic listening device.

Adelaide Hall, 92, the jazz singer who shared the stage with Duke Ellington and other stars, died in London on Sunday. Born in New York the daughter of a music professor, she first performed on stage

at 14. In 1934 she moved to Paris with her husband and manager, Bert Hicks, and then went to London in 1938 where they opened the Florida Club in Mayfair, which was to be destroyed in the Blitz. Her credits included the London stage premiere of "Kiss me Kate" as well as Ellington's "Chocolate Kiddies," alongside Josephine Baker.

Mario Cecchi Gori, 73, an Italian movie producer who headed the Penta film group, died Friday in Rome. Mr. Cecchi Gori was president of the Fiorentina soccer team since 1990.

Ely A. Landau, 73, an award-winning television and film producer whose credits included the Katharine Hepburn film "Long Day's Journey into Night," died Thursday in Los Angeles, after he had had a stroke.

Charles Aidman, 68, a television actor who appeared in one of the first "Twilight Zone" episodes, died of cancer Sunday in Los Angeles. In 1959, he starred in an episode of "The Twilight Zone" entitled "And When the Sky Was Opened."



Leo Theremin demonstrating his early version of the synthesizer.

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new textile firms also opened dozens of outlets for the same reason.

In late 1992, the Czech Republic followed Hungary's lead and instituted visa requirements for Chinese.

Still, the number of Chinese increased. Now there are about 20,000 Chinese legally in the Czech Republic, according to unofficial figures.

This concentration of Chinese is causing headaches for the local authorities because, while most Chinese immigrants are law-abiding, some work for gangs seeking to spread their influence to Eastern Europe.

In addition, the cash-strapped Czech government cannot afford to send home Chinese who are in the country illegally.

"We really don't know what to do with these people," Miss Polova said.

She said she believed that the trade would move next to Poland. Earlier this year, according to U.S. immigration officials, Polish investigators arrested 17 alien smugglers engaged in counterfeiting passports and U.S. visas.

MIDEAST: Radicals' Setback

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is an ardent feminist whom fundamentalists have persecuted over the past four years. They have dubbed her an "apostate," attempted to annul her marriage, and have gone so far as to ask immunity for anyone who sheds her blood.

Jordanians said the Palestinian-Israeli peace agreement signed in Washington had pulled the rug from under militant Jordanian fundamentalists who based their political message on rejection of any peace with Israel. Improving economic conditions have marginalized the fundamentalists' main domestic program, which consists of opposing economic reforms suggested by the International Monetary Fund.

"The issue in the election was the fundamentalists and the peace process," said Fahd Faneh, an economist and columnist. "The answer is the fundamentalists lost. It is evident their power is declining here. It's an important message for the region and other Arab leaders, namely that within a democratic practice fundamentalists do not do well when they adopt strident views."

Still, the Islamic bloc remains the

largest single party within parliament, although far smaller in numbers and influence.

Palestinians, who represent between 40 and 50 percent of the Jordanian population of 4 million, sensed by and large to vote in favor of candidates that support the government's peace strategy.

Attack on Arafat Aide
The police reported that a gunman using a pistol equipped with a silencer shot and wounded Mr. Arafat's top political aide in southern Lebanon on Tuesday. The Associated Press reported from Sidon, Lebanon.

The attack on Zeid Webbe, Mr. Arafat's personal representative, was the first against such a high-ranking PLO loyalist in Lebanon since the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO peace accord.

The police said the assailant pumped four bullets into Mr. Webbe's neck, arms and shoulders as he drove his car Tuesday morning from the house of his second wife in Sidon. The gunman escaped.

Mr. Webbe, 58, was rushed to Sidon's Hammoud Hospital, where he was in stable condition.

FRANCE: Sweeping Raids

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Marseille, Lyon, Lille, Bordeaux and Toulouse. The Interior Ministry said that propaganda material, false identity papers and an "important" amount of money were also seized.

Among those detained were Djaffar Hourairi and Moussa Kraouche, respectively president and spokesman of Algerian Fraternity in France, an association thought to represent the Islamic Salvation Front here. Leaders of many other Muslim associations were also held for questioning.

The catalyst for the raids was the kidnapping last month of two Frenchmen and a Frenchwoman by extremists said to belong to the Armed Islamic Group. Although all three were released unharmed, one reportedly carried the message that all foreigners should leave Algeria within a month.

Because 25,000 French citizens live in Algeria, the French government's first response was to suggest that some family members, particularly children, be repatriated. But the Interior Ministry, which is in charge of security in France, quickly turned its attention to Islamic groups operating here.

French government officials say these groups have long been under police surveillance. Earlier this year, two newspapers published by the Algerian Fraternity in France, *Le Critere* and *Resistance*, were banned for their "violently anti-Western and anti-French tone."

Over the weekend, the Interior Minister, Charles Pasqua, also warned members of the Islamic Salvation Front in France not "to carry out political activities on our territory that run counter to the interests of the French government." And he added, "They would be well advised to heed the warning I have given."

Government officials said Islamic fundamentalists had so far made

little headway among France's increasingly secularized Muslim community. But the extremists are reportedly working through existing Muslim associations with a view to winning recruits among unemployed and frustrated immigrant youths.

France's greatest immediate concern is to prevent its territory from being used by groups trying to overthrow the Algerian regime. Paris fears above all that the installation of an Islamic government in Algeria would result in a flood of middle-class refugees into France.

As a result, France quietly supported the Algerian government's decision to cancel a second round of parliamentary elections in January 1992 that seemed likely to bring the Islamic Salvation Front to power. It has also stepped up economic aid to the Algerian junta.

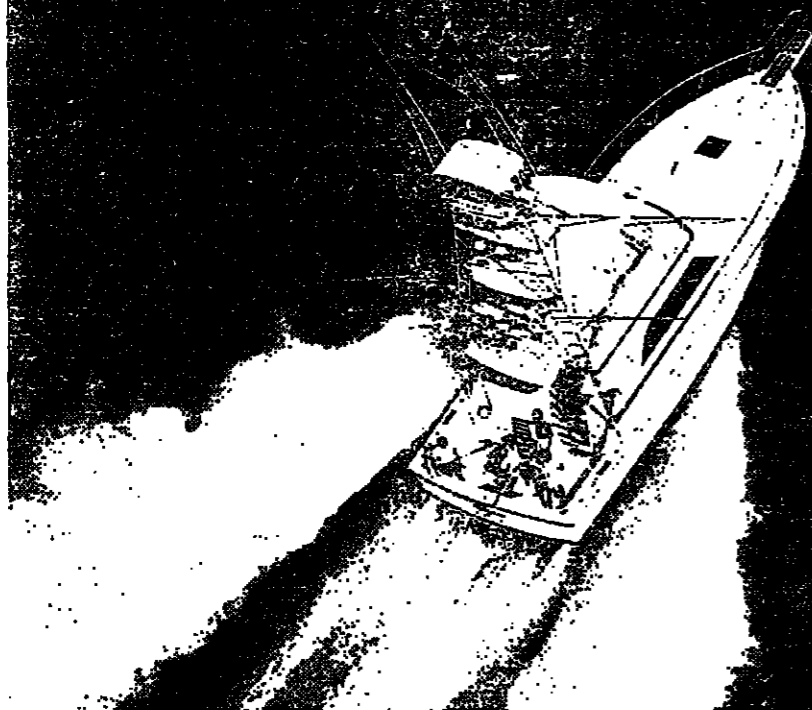
But as Islamic extremist guerrillas have increased their attacks on Algerian police, soldiers, journalists and intellectuals, French alarm has grown. Already this year, seven foreigners, including two French citizens, have been kidnapped and murdered by the extremists.

In an interview with *Le Monde* before the raids Tuesday, Mr. Kraouche accused France of waging a war against the Algerian people by backing the Algerian regime. "One can therefore expect even tougher responses because you don't play with the freedom of a people," he was quoted as saying.

After the crackdown, Rabah Kibir, an Islamic Salvation Front spokesman in exile in Germany, urged France not to provoke the Algerian community, because "there is not a single Algerian who can accept that." He also accused France of backing "the dictatorial regime against the people."

There was no apparent reaction among France's 900,000 Algerian immigrants to the arrests Tuesday.

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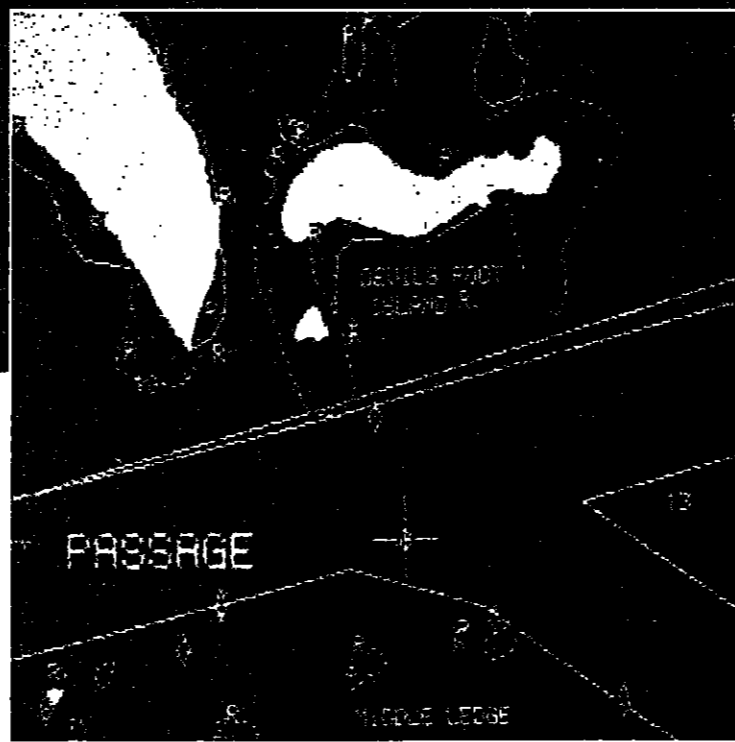


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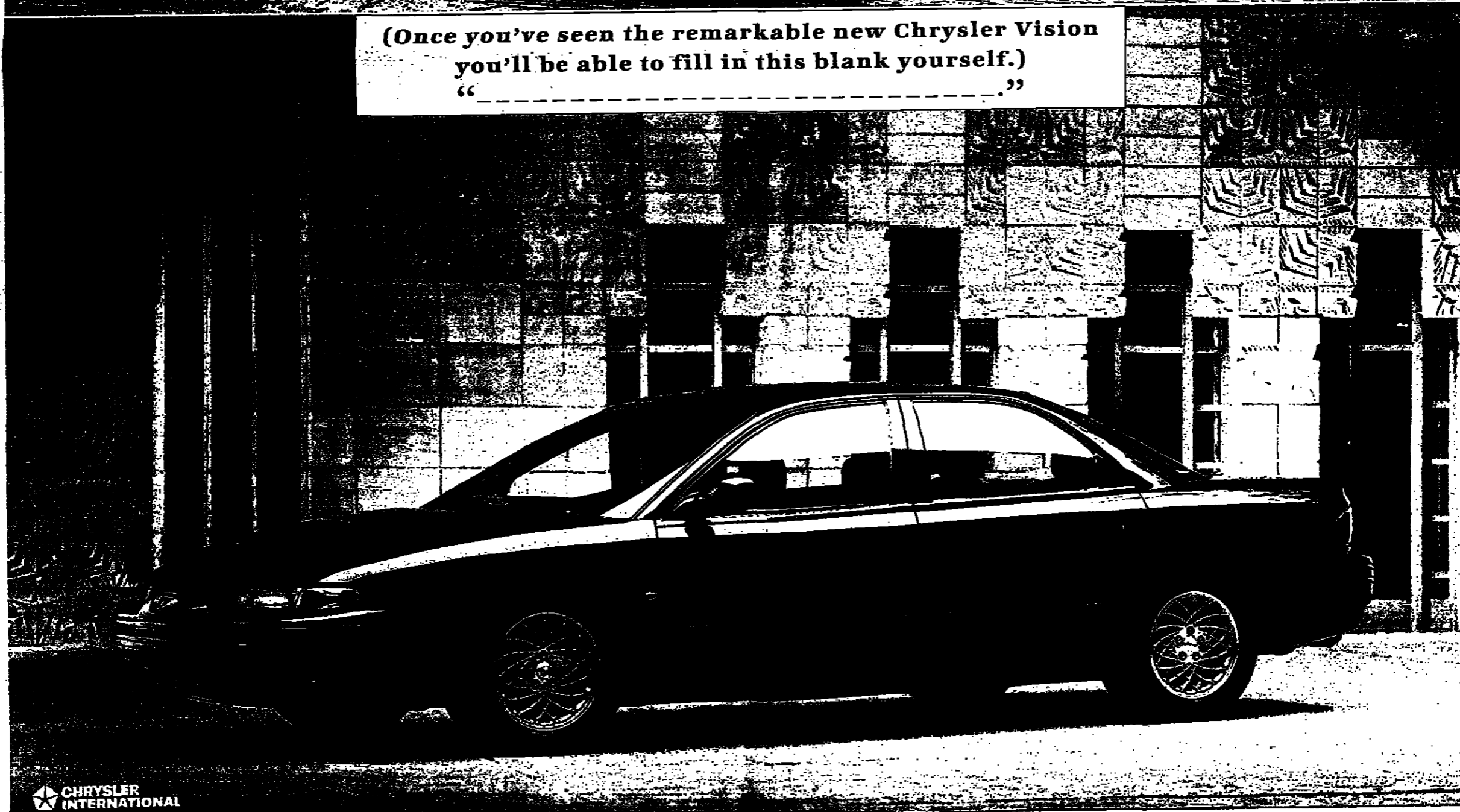


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China and Japan Urge More Korea Talks

BEIJING — China and Japan said separately Tuesday that they favored dialogue rather than pressure in dealing with North Korea's suspected nuclear weapons program.

North Korea has refused to allow international inspection of its nuclear facilities, raising strong concern that it is trying to develop nuclear weapons.

The president also said the North could not be allowed to make a nuclear bomb, but refused to discuss "specific options" when asked whether the United States would be willing to stage a pre-emptive strike against the North's nuclear facilities.

Arms Pact to Bring Russian Expertise to Beijing

BEIJING — Russia and China signed a five-year military cooperation agreement on Tuesday that is expected to broaden the transfer of military technologies to China.

Western officials say that China is now focused less on buying large and expensive weapon systems from Russia and more on modernizing its own military industries by purchasing Russian expertise.

Chinese nor anyone in the Russian party was willing to explain the new agreement.

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Mr. Qian during his press conference in Beijing on Tuesday.

CHINA: Human Rights Gesture

Continued from Page 1. loss of markets for American goods could further slow the growth of the American economy and endanger his re-election chances.

tophe Swinarski, said by telephone from Hong Kong that the organization would take Mr. Qian's statement "very seriously."

BBC Says Gadhafi Jams Its Arabic Broadcasts

LONDON — Libya in apparent reprisal for BBC World Service reports of an attempted military uprising, has tried to jam BBC Arabic language broadcasts, the radio service said Tuesday.

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OPINION

Iraqgate Cover-Up: 'The President Was Very Mad'

By Alan Friedman

NEW YORK — The full truth has not yet been told about how the White House illegally armed Iraq during the Reagan administration and then engaged in a wide-ranging cover-up that personally involved President George Bush and his national security adviser, Brent Scowcroft.

That officials would pick up the phone and "clear" the deployment of planeloads of ammunition, spare parts and computers to Iraq.

Although the law required not only the notification of Congress but an explicit presidential finding that such a covert operation was in the interest of national security, Mr. Teicher said it was all done "off the books" — and with regularity.

"Yes, they were illegal," he said of the transfers.

The public may have thought that the Iran-contra affair was the last word on such matters. Participants in a series of crucial meetings say Bush and Scowcroft were the driving forces behind efforts to stop Congress from getting Iraqgate documents.

unique, he said, but "it wasn't; it was just the one that went public." Among those who knew of the operations, Mr. Teicher said, were William Clark, Mr. Reagan's second national security adviser, and George Bush, then vice president.

Mr. Clark told me that he had "no recollection" of any involvement; Mr. Bush declined to speak with me for the book.

So convinced were White House officials that they knew what was best, regardless of the law, that some clandestine shipments were even sent to Iraq straight from NATO weapons stockpiles.

The Reagan and Bush administrations did not work alone as they sought to build up Iraq's military in the 1980s. The British and the Italians played their part.

Last spring I spoke with Giulio Andreotti, the former Italian prime minister. He confirmed in a taped interview what two other participants had told me about a March 1985 Oval Office meeting between Mr. Andreotti (then foreign minister), Bettino Craxi (then prime minister) and Mr. Reagan.

I asked Mr. Andreotti whether Mr. Reagan had sought help from Rome in arming Iraq. "Yes," he replied, "that is true."

The Italian government then approved the sale of land mines that went by a circuitous route to Iraq, with help from the LAVORO bank's Singapore branch.

But it was the Atlanta branch that really opened the financial floodgates after 1985.

The supposedly secret Atlanta loans, which the Bush administration claimed were masterminded by the branch manager, Mr. Drogoel, not only helped Iraq in its efforts to make missiles that could carry nuclear weapons, it even helped enhance Scud missiles.

A U.S. intelligence officer involved in monitoring the arms trade told me: "BNL's work with the Iraqis was known about for a long time. The CIA knew about it, and so did the Defense Intelligence Agency."

Then there is the Jordanian connection. King Hussein, I learned through interviews with U.S. intelligence officers and former diplomats, served as a channel for covert U.S. arms transfers to Iraq. His friend Wafai Dajani was a key Jordanian middleman between Baghdad, the LAVORO bank in Atlanta and the U.S. government.

Mr. Dajani denies having worked with the CIA, but Mr. Teicher said that Mr. Dajani performed services for the CIA. He ended up as an unindicted co-conspirator in the LAVORO case after aides to Mr. Baker told the Justice Department in February 1991 that indicting him could damage U.S. relations with Jordan.

As for Mr. Drogoel, who has recently agreed to a plea bargain in the LAVORO case, he should be asked in Congress about a dinner with U.S. and Iraqi officials at a restaurant in Washington just before the 1988 presidential election.

There, he told me in a prison interview, he heard U.S. officials urge Iraqis to sign up for more U.S.-backed loans because if Michael Dukakis were to defeat Mr. Bush, "the Democrats will cut you off."

After Mr. Bush took office, he turned the previous tilt to Baghdad into a bear hug, approving a secret national security directive (NSD 26) in October 1989 that stepped up military and financial aid to Saddam Hussein even though the Iran-Iraq war had ended.

Mr. Baker nonetheless rushed to implement the secret policy by brushing aside repeated warnings that Saddam was using U.S. loan guarantees in violation of the law.

Documents show that the secretary of state not only pushed through a further \$1 billion in credits, his State Department also approved exporting U.S. equipment and technology to Iraq even though it was clearly suggested in a November 1989 memo that the goods were likely to go into Saddam's nuclear weapons project.

In early 1990 — just 11 months before the United States went to war with Iraq, partly for the stated purpose of stopping it from building atom bombs — a Baker aide drafted a letter to the Commerce Department to suggest that such concerns were not all that serious.

The letter, prepared for Undersecretary Robert Kimmitt, cited "explicit presidential authority" to improve trade with Iraq, it said the government's scrutiny of exports that could bolster Baghdad's nuclear ambitions "needs to be balanced by other considerations, including our duty to support U.S. exporters."

After the Gulf War, congressional investigators started looking into allegations of improprieties in pre-war dealings with Baghdad. The Bush administration first tried to hang it all on Mr. Drogoel, and then aides to the president tried to thwart Congress.

Starting on April 8, 1991, Mr. Scowcroft's legal adviser, Nicholas Rostow, joined the White House counsel, Boyden Gray, and lawyers from the CIA, the State and Commerce departments and other agencies in a series of meetings to devise ways to withhold Iraq-related documents from Congress for months.

The mechanisms they decided upon marked one of the most robust assertions of White House prerogatives since the days of Richard Nixon. A White House aide who took part in the meetings said there was considerable discomfort about the process. "People were already suggesting a cover-up," he said.

"Everybody was nervous," Mr. Gray told me that he did not consider the process a cover-up and that he could remember Mr. Bush's becoming "involved personally" in only one decision. But three other participants at the spring 1991 meetings said the president and Mr. Scowcroft had been the driving forces behind efforts to stop Congress from getting the documents.

Handwritten notes from the meetings bear this out. "Protect," read one of the minutes. "Pres has decided to."

Those lines were then crossed out and replaced with the notation "B.S. has decided to review EP." Brent Scowcroft has decided to review executive privilege.

Other notes describe conversations between Mr. Scowcroft and Mr. Bush about documents being withheld. They report that the president was "very, very mad."

Last year, when a federal judge in Atlanta and the House Judiciary Committee demanded an investigation of the suspected abuse of tax-financed programs and U.S. export laws, and of attempts by the Bush administration to obstruct justice and Congress, they were given the cold shoulder.

During the presidential campaign, Bill Clinton pledged to get to the bottom of Iraqgate.

This year Attorney General Janet Reno promised to look beyond the LAVORO case to determine if other wrongdoing occurred.

The first indictments of U.S. companies that helped to arm Iraq are said to be in the pipeline.

The story of Iraqgate goes beyond mere policy blunders: it is a story of flagrant disregard for the law at the highest levels. No matter how awkward it may be, the Clinton administration should live up to its promises and broaden its investigation. The rule of law is not an expendable principle.

The writer, who has been a correspondent with the Financial Times, is author of "Spies' Web: The Secret History of How the White House Illegally Armed Iraq," from which this column was adapted for The New York Times. He is to join the International Herald Tribune as economics correspondent in January.

He Helps Them to the Final Exit

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — Like many others, I've been watching Dr. Jack Kevorkian for years out of the corner of my eye, wondering whether he's a theatrical quack with a touch of necrophilia, or the wave of the medical future — or a bit of both.

Now that he has served time in jail for repeatedly violating Michigan's new assisted-suicide law, it is probably time to begin making up our minds. But I still have trouble getting beyond an argument with myself.

MEANWHILE

The case against suicide is a strong one, as 20 centuries of tradition attest. Under common law, suicide was a felony, and suicides were buried by the public roadway, sometimes (it is said) with stakes driven through their hearts to quiet their restless spirits.

Not to be read for one who has laid violent hands upon himself" was, until less than a century ago, one chilling rubric governing the use of the burial service of the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. No doubt it was mercifully evaded when a shroud of ambiguity could be found in the act. But suicides were often excluded from places of Christian burial, as if even at rest they might pollute holy ground.

Our reactions are more merciful today; but these drastic sanctions reflected the doctrine that suicide was the ultimate expression of spiritual despair — which was a deadly sin. However one might define sin today, hope is a crucial dimension of being human. Once we abandon hope, physical self-destruction becomes a technicality; the real death has preceded it. That view is still echoed in everyday morality. In obedience to it, most of us would go to extreme lengths to stop the suicide of a friend or a loved one, even a stranger. It is counted a triumph, usually, when a threatening person in despair is talked down from a bridge or a rooftop.

If so, why has Dr. Kevorkian become a hero for so many? The answer lies, mainly, in high-tech medicine, our blessing and our bane. Modern medicine lengthens and enhances life. But for the special category of the terminally ill, it lengthens life with effects that make the term "life" dubious. Few of us relish the thought of passing our final hours (or days, months or years) festooned with tubes and other life-prolonging devices. But the threat is real, even when a "living will" forbids it.

Dr. Timothy Quill, while condemning Dr. Kevorkian in scalding terms, noted in a recent New York Times op-ed piece that it is often "legally safer" these days for doctors to override the wishes of the dying or their families, and artificially prolong life — and even, he says, "to undermedicate rather than risk the accusation of having helped" the dying to die easily. This is chilling.

And what of the 19 distressed human beings Dr. Kevorkian has assisted in what he calls "medicide"? He claims that all met his stiff screening standards, which exclude the depressed, all were victims of cruel and acute physical afflictions, invariably fatal: Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's disease, bone cancer, all presenting the choice between a lingering, costly, painful end without dignity and a death that is quick and inexpensive and over which the patient can still exercise some control. Amid such dilemmas, the high and noble abstractions of traditional law and theology forfeit much of their force.

And yet... There seems a kind of haste and expeditiousness in the operation of Dr. Kevorkian's death machines. For me, the most forceful objection to his crusade for the assisted suicide option is the one Dr. Quill and some others make: that Dr. Kevorkian, a defrocked pathologist, is neither qualified nor disposed to counsel the dying in alternative exits.

On one point at least I am unreservedly in Dr. Kevorkian's corner. Not only was the Michigan law hastily crafted to trap him, this is one of those instances in which criminal sanctions seem a poor way to deal with very private issues of personal choice, involving the deepest spiritual and philosophical anguish. Like so many attempts to assert control by law over consensual action, it has the paradoxical effect of inciting heroic defiance and evasion, and thus tends to undercut the rule of law it claims to reinforce.

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What Turkey Confronts
Regarding "Here's a Better Road for Turkey to Travel" (Opinion, Oct. 29) by William Safire:

Turkey acted, during the Gulf War, according to its conviction that Saddam Hussein should be stopped and eliminated. It was the first country to act strictly to the embargo of Iraqi oil.

The United States, for its part, has not kept its promises nor has it brought the war to its logical end. Saddam is still in power. Turkey, meanwhile, has lost about \$15 billion and is still losing money, placing a serious strain on its economy.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller was not resorting to blackmail, as Mr. Safire implies; she was rightfully seeking compensation for Turkey's enormous losses. The United States has the moral responsibility to keep its promises and to bolster the economy of a faithful ally.

The Market Monster
Regarding "Hard-Won, Not to Be Forgotten" (Opinion, Oct. 29):

Flora Lewis writes, "The temptation then is to turn to economic nationalism, sparking arguments that free trade and GATT are pernicious, inhumane ploys to re-sharpen the claws of the market monster." But pernicious, inhumane ploys are precisely what they are.

M. SCHNEIDER
PENZANCE, ENGLAND.

Art and Commerce
Regarding "Just Make Good Movies" (Editorial, Oct. 25):

The French-American film competition unfortunately is not about who makes the best films, but the most successfully commercial ones. Most of the time, such films are a long way from what the potential art of film can be.

ALTEMUR KILIC, Istanbul.

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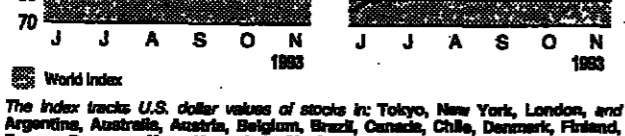
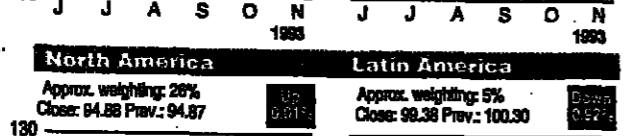
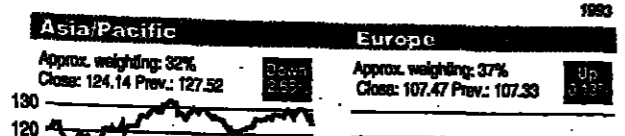
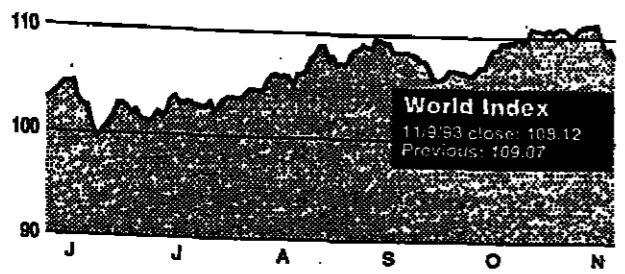
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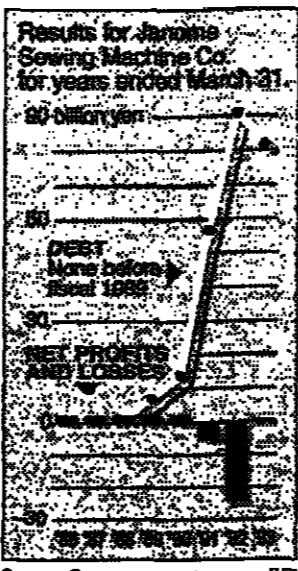
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Horror Story for Japan Investors

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service

TOKYO — It was August 1989, and corporate Japan was enjoying the best of times. The stock market was sizzling and the economy was brimming with optimism...



Source: Company reports

disgrace when some aspects of the scheme were disclosed. Mr. Kotani was eventually indicted on extortion charges.

Mr. Kotani was first arrested in August 1990, on charges that he had manipulated the stock price of a hotel and resort company.

The Janome case is more than an instance of a company losing its compass and paying the price. It provides an ominous look into Japanese corporate mores.

In addition, Janome has still not fully disclosed its arrangements with Mr. Kotani or said why it handed over the money.

lives who effectively assisted in the plundering of Janome. Japan's second-largest manufacturer of home sewing machines.

In fact, little would be known about the case were it not for Akira Suzuki, a soft-spoken former Janome director.

As of Oct. 1, the fee for such accounts fell from millions of dollars in big cases like Mr. Suzuki's to 8,200 yen, or the equivalent of about \$75.

Mr. Suzuki, who is now president of Fit Balance, a clothing

Hard-Won Gains Evaporate on Tokyo Market

New York Times Service

TOKYO — Gloomy economic news and the continuing plunge in the value of shares in a huge railroad recently offered to the public sent the stock market into a tailspin Tuesday.

The closely watched Nikkei 225 index tumbled 499 points, or 2.7 percent, to 18,126, much of that toward the end of the session.

Economic Planning Agency, which for months has maintained that a recovery from the recession was imminent, abandoned its optimistic language and brought its forecast more into line with private economists.

The recent government sale of a little more than half of the shares in East Japan Railway, or JR East, seems to have worsened the gloom.

GATT Chief and Balladur Differ on Accord's Import

By Jacques Neher and Carl Gewirtz

International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Peter Sutherland, beating the drum loudly for a new world trade accord, on Tuesday criticized the industrial powers for a dearth of leadership in the negotiations.

Mr. Sutherland said smaller countries around the world had shown their readiness to engage in serious negotiations, but that the Group of Seven industrial nations had not followed through on a commitment last July in Tokyo to make GATT a priority.

He added that the smaller countries would not take kindly to a last-minute compromise. "A deal on an envelope on the 14th of December is not an option," he said.

"I don't think that the signing of an agreement, in itself, would be enough to stimulate the world economy," Mr. Balladur said.

Mr. Sutherland, director-general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, said that if the current GATT round "is allowed to fall through a lack of political leadership, the economic and political consequences will not be kind."

In particular, he said that a failure of the talks would undermine Eastern Europe's march toward market economies by removing assurances that these countries would be able to sell their goods to the West.

While casting doubt on the possible benefits, the French leader cautioned that the malign effects of a rate cut could be large. Rising inflation sparked by a depreciation of the franc on the foreign exchange market "could be very costly," he said.

At almost the same time, elsewhere in Paris, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development published an assessment of the Uruguay Round, estimating the net benefits of cuts in tariff and nontariff barriers to be at least \$270 billion.

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MEDIA MARKETS

Brazil Is Getting a Taste Of the Power of the Press

By James Brooke

New York Times Service

SÃO PAULO — Last year, press revelations about corruption toppled Brazil's president. This month, press revelations about corruption are spurring a purge of Brazil's Congress.

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Report on Inflation Calms U.S. Markets

By Lawrence Malkin

International Herald Tribune

New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The U.S. inflation scare that pushed up interest rates last month and unsettled the world's capital markets Tuesday with a report that wholesale prices actually fell in October.

The Producer Price Index, which had been expected to rise, largely because of new taxes on gasoline, fell 0.2 percent. The so-called core index, which excludes food and energy prices, fell 0.5 percent, led by a 3.9 percent drop in automobile prices.

The news initially sent the price of the 30-year Treasury bond up one point, or \$10 for each \$1,000 principal amount. At the end of the day, the bond was still up 26/32 of a point in price, at 101 16/32, bringing its yield down to 6.14 percent from 6.20 percent Monday.

Thus calm returned for the moment to a bond market described by Davos Reader of Nomura Securities as "neurotic about inflation and essentially mania-depressive."

What had been happening, Mr. Resler said, is that the markets were being driven by portfolio managers' drive for performance

from their investments, instead of by the economic fundamentals of slow growth and low inflation.

So far this year, managers of \$600 million of volatile and highly visible bond mutual funds, and of \$1 billion to \$2 billion more in less-visible institutional pension funds, have accumulated huge gains as interest rates have fallen, raising the value of the bonds they hold.

The Shearson Lehman bond index, an industry benchmark, hit a high of 57.67 when the inflation scare began in mid-October, a gain of more than 20 percent in a year. It has since fallen to around 55.

A bond manager who guesses wrong on inflation and the trend of interest rates can wipe out the year's profits and lose his job. "It pays to buy short-term Treasuries at 3 percent and hold them until the end of the year, rather than risk getting wiped out when everyone else is playing safe, and that's what most of them have been doing," Mr. Resler said.

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MARKET DIARY

Wall Street Rallies But Blue Chips Lag

Bloomberg Business News NEW YORK — U.S. stocks closed generally higher after the Labor Department said producer prices fell last month...

There is no inflation problem, but the recovery is sluggish, and that's what concerns market watchers.

N.Y. Stocks The Dow Jones industrial average closed 1.22 points higher at 3,649.37...

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Diller Sees Alternatives to Paramount

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Barry Diller, whose QVC Network Inc. bid for Paramount Communications Inc. appears to be in trouble...

Mr. Diller told reporters at a broadcast industry conference in Washington on Tuesday that he would continue to look for alternatives...

RJR Calms Cigarette Price War

WINSTON-SALEM, North Carolina (Bloomberg) — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Tuesday increased prices on all its cigarette brands...

The tobacco arm of R.J. Nabisco Holdings Corp. boosted the wholesale price of most brands by \$2 per 1,000 cigarettes...

Motorola Sale Offers Cellular Twist

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Nextel Communications, a small company that provides radio service for taxi fleets...

Sales Rise Boosts Wal-Mart Profit

BENTONVILLE, Arkansas (Bloomberg) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the largest U.S. retailer, said third-quarter earnings jumped 18 percent...

For the Record

TRW Inc. is likely to eliminate 1,500 to 2,000 positions in Europe over the next year, as it retrenches to respond to economic downturn there...

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Bad News on German Deficit

BONN — The German federal budget deficit in 1993 is expected to reach around 74 billion Deutsche marks (\$43.5 billion) and 75 billion DM in 1994...

Total tax revenue in Germany is expected to be 745.7 billion DM in 1993 and 773.7 billion DM in 1994...

The figures were revealed after a meeting of specialists from the federal and state finance ministries...

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Today's Closing
Tables include the national closing on Wall Street and the closing on Wall Street and other major stock exchanges elsewhere. Via The Associated Press

Symbol	Price	Change
IBM	115.25	+0.25
MSFT	45.75	+0.25
ORCL	35.50	+0.25
INTL	12.25	+0.25
DIS	28.75	+0.25
WMT	42.50	+0.25
AMZN	18.75	+0.25
GOOG	25.25	+0.25
MSFT	45.75	+0.25
ORCL	35.50	+0.25
INTL	12.25	+0.25
DIS	28.75	+0.25
WMT	42.50	+0.25
AMZN	18.75	+0.25
GOOG	25.25	+0.25

Stock prices fluctuated in early trading, with a focus on technology shares. IBM led the gains, rising to 115.25. Microsoft followed, ending at 45.75. Oracle and International Business Machines also saw gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 10,125.10, up 125.10 from the previous session. The S&P 500 index rose 15.25 to 1,125.25. The Nasdaq Composite index advanced 25.25 to 2,125.25. The Russell 2000 index climbed 15.25 to 1,125.25. The New York Stock Exchange reported a volume of 1.2 billion shares traded. The market was characterized by a steady upward trend in the afternoon, with most major indices reaching new highs for the session.

Market activity continued to be robust, with significant volume in the technology sector. Analysts noted that the strong performance of tech stocks was a key driver of the overall market's upward movement. The closing bell rang with a sense of optimism, as investors looked forward to the start of the new week. The volume of trading was particularly high in the final hour of the session, indicating a strong interest in the market's performance. The overall sentiment was positive, with many investors reporting gains on their portfolios. The market's performance was seen as a sign of continued economic strength and investor confidence.

The market's performance was a reflection of the broader economic environment, which remained stable and supportive of growth. The strong earnings reports from major corporations, particularly in the technology sector, provided a solid foundation for the market's advance. Investors were encouraged by the positive outlook for the future, and this was reflected in their trading patterns. The market's performance was a testament to the resilience of the U.S. economy and the confidence of investors. The closing of the session was a successful one, with most major indices ending the day on a high note. The market's performance was a clear indication of the strength of the U.S. economy and the confidence of investors.

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Time Out for VW and Opel

Feuding Firms Move to Settle Civil Charges

By Brandon Mitchener
International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT — One chapter of the epic legal battle between Volkswagen AG and General Motors Corp. neared a close Tuesday as both parties told an appeals court judge they would agree to consider an out-of-court settlement on GM's bid to ban seven of its former employees from working at VW.

A settlement on the request for an injunction would not affect an ongoing investigation of allegations that the former General Motors employees committed industrial espionage, a criminal offense, when they switched companies this spring, said Adam Opel AG, GM's German subsidiary.

"You have to differentiate between the civil and criminal proceedings," said Bruno Seifert, a spokesman for Opel. The company would not yield ground in any of the charges it has made in the criminal cases, which are pending in Darmstadt and Hamburg, he said.

Officials of VW and Opel said an out-of-court settlement on the employment ban, meanwhile, could not be construed as a victory for either side.

"A compromise is a compromise and not a triumph," said an Opel spokesman who asked to remain anonymous. A VW executive said the compromise could also be interpreted as an admission by Opel that it could not win its appeal.

Judge Fritz Traub of the Frankfurt appeals court said both companies had until Friday to consider the compromise, which was reached by their lawyers after a three-hour meeting in closed chambers. In the meantime, both sides were sworn to silence on the contents of the accord, which was the judge's idea.

"One step, perhaps two steps, have been taken in the right direction," the judge said. It is routine for a judge in Germany to propose discussions aimed at an out-of-court settlement.

Opel's request for an injunction involved seven former employees, including José Ignacio López de Arriortúa, a former GM executive who became VW's purchasing and production chief earlier this year. Opel has argued the seven broke German fair competition laws by applying their knowledge, largely gained during their employment with GM, at VW.

Lawyers for both VW and Opel said they were pleased with the compromise, but they declined to comment further.

Opel lawyers said the compromise could allow for a reduction in the employment ban or a reduction in the number of employees that GM seeks to ban from working at VW.

The defection of Mr. López and his associates to VW earlier this year unleashed an unprecedented mudslinging campaign between Opel and VW.

Kohl Urges Extended Shop Hours

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

BRUNNEN — Chancellor Helmut Kohl urged German retailers to discuss the possibility of extending the country's short shopping hours.

Mr. Kohl's liberal Free Democratic coalition partners want to scrap the current restrictive law, and leading figures in his own Christian Democratic Party favor an easing.

They argue that this would help to create extra jobs and stimulate the economy.

Retailers and unions object to changes, arguing they would not lead to extra spending and would mean more stress and higher wage bills.

In a speech prepared for delivery to the Federation of the German Retail Trade, Mr. Kohl said his coalition was discussing a solution.

EC to Offer Russia Easier Trade Terms

By Tom Buerkle
International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS — The European Community agreed Tuesday to seek a more liberal trade accord with Russia by year-end and offer Moscow the prospect of a free-trade agreement as early as 1998.

The agreement this year would seek to abolish most quotas on Russian exports to the Community. But in a sign that the new promises may go beyond trade realities, the Community's foreign ministers asked the EC Commission to negotiate new limits on purchases of one of Russia's biggest exports, aluminum.

They asked the commission to seek new curbs on aluminum exports from Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan and Tajikistan through 1994.

The grant of authority to the commission to negotiate a trade partnership with Russia will be the most tangible sign of support that Jacques Delors, the commission president, and Jean-Luc Dehaene, prime minister of Belgium, take to a meeting with President Boris N. Yeltsin in Moscow on Thursday.

EC officials hope to conclude a trade agreement before Russian legislative elections in December, figuring this would help candidates who favor bringing Russia's economic system more in line with that of Western Europe.

The foreign ministers agreed that under the trade pact, the EC would consider Russia as being in transition to a market economy, rather than continue to categorize it as a Communist command economy.

That change, however, will make it more difficult for the Community to impose anti-dumping duties or import quotas on Russian products.

To impose quotas, the Community would have to show that Russian imports had both surged and undercut prices in the EC. Currently, only one of those would have to be proven to trigger quotas.

The ministers also agreed to consider establishing a free-trade area with Russia as early as 1998.

Investor's Europe			
	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40	
Frankfurt DAX	2,022.83	2,010.81	+0.60
Bombay S&P	2,022.83	2,010.81	+0.60
Hong Kong Hang Seng	1,522.68	1,533.12	-0.69
Tokyo Nikkei	1,227.00	1,228.00	-0.08
Amsterdam AEX	1,112.25	1,084.79	+1.35
Stockholm OMX	4,882.42	1,079.16	+0.19
Zurich SMI	488.04	485.43	+0.35
Oslo BIX	481.81	418.16	+1.48

Sources: Reuters, AFP

Briton to Take Over Manager Post at BIS

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BASEL — Andrew Crockett, Bank of England executive director, was elected general manager of the Bank for International Settlements on Tuesday and said he was firmly committed to European monetary integration.

"I am very committed myself to the work that has gone on in Europe," he said. "I believe in the process of monetary integration, but of course all of that has to take place in a realistic context and taking account of the realities." Mr. Crockett said.

Mr. Crockett, 50, will replace Alexandre Lamfalussy who begins work as president of the European Monetary Institute, forerunner of a European central bank, at the beginning of next year. Mr. Crockett said the creation of the European Monetary Institute would not impinge on the work of the BIS, which monitors international banking

markets and sets guidelines for central banks around the world.

"I would see the creation of the EMI as an opportunity for the BIS to re-focus its activities in a global context," Mr. Crockett said. "I see one of my responsibilities in developing the BIS as a forum for inter-central bank collaboration."

Under the management of Mr. Lamfalussy, 64, a Hungarian-born Belgian who was took charge of the BIS in 1985, the bank came down clearly in favor of a single European currency.

Mr. Crockett, a Cambridge economics graduate with a master's degree from Yale, considered a high-flier in international finance, has worked at both the Bank of England and the International Monetary Fund.

By moving to Basel, he will become head of the world's oldest international financial organization. (Reuters, AFP)

Units of ABB And Renault Plan Venture

Reuters

PARIS — ABB Robotics and Renault Automation SA said Tuesday they planned a joint venture to set up automated systems to build car bodies.

ABB, a unit of the Swiss-Swedish engineering conglomerate ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., will purchase the robotics business of Renault Automation, the Renault unit said.

The venture, which will require 350 people, will not lead to any job losses, the unit of the French automaker Renault SA said.

Renault Automation said it would manage the venture, which is to be owned equally by the two partners.

Renault Automation has been suffering from a sharp fall in orders and from limited access to foreign markets.

TOKYO: Investors' Horror Story

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wholesaler, sought more than \$1 billion in damages from 29 former and current Janome executives.

He contended that they should not have acceded to Mr. Kotani's demands and he insisted that the bank bore responsibility for pushing Janome to the brink.

Neither Janome nor the Asahi Bank would comment on Mr. Suzuki's assertions or the startling detail in his suit.

But because of the payments to Mr. Kotani, Janome's debt has soared to more than \$300 million from virtually nothing just five years ago, and it suffered a loss equal to \$225 million in the year ended March 31, 1992, a reversal from a record profit two years earlier.

If Mr. Suzuki wins — and the case is a long shot — the individuals responsible would be forced to repay the company; Mr. Suzuki would receive nothing personally. It is, he insisted, a matter of principle.

"Japanese companies have lots of these kinds of secrets," Mr. Suzuki said in an interview. "This is the most backward area of the Japanese business world. The government won't do anything, so I thought I should."

He is not alone. Brokerage houses, which spent more than \$1 billion during the 1980s improperly compensating favored customers for stock losses, have recently been hit with shareholder suits.

Shareholders have also sued the directors of some of Japan's leading construction companies after top executives were charged recently with bribing public officials to obtain contracts.

Some of the suits have already been thrown out by the courts. But the message is getting through.

Joe Lufkin, managing director of the Boston-based Global Proxy Services Corp., which represents large institutional investors in their dealings with companies, said: "We've been getting a number of what you might call tour groups here from Japan to learn about investor relations, corporate governance and shareholder rights. They're coming over here the same way they used to come and look at how we run our factories."

German Urges Additional Airbus Units

Agence France-Press

PARIS — A Deutsche Aerospace AG executive called Tuesday for expanding the Airbus Industrie consortium to include new divisions for building turbo-driven and jet regional airliners.

In an interview with the economic daily Agf, Deutsche Aerospace's aircraft manager, Hartmut Mehdorn, said the turbo-prop division could be headed by Aerospatiale of France and the jet unit by Deutsche Aerospace, a subsidiary of Daimler-Benz AG.

He said the groups could be set up along lines of the existing Airbus consortium, owned by four European aerospace companies, with a common holding company.

His proposal challenged a comment last month by the chief executive of Airbus Industrie, Jean Pierson.

Very briefly:

- S.G. Warburg Group PLC's pretax profit for the six months to Sept. 30 nearly tripled, to £148.8 million (\$218.7 million), as the contribution from its Mercury Asset Management subsidiary rose 42 percent and income from fees and commissions scored a like gain.
- SIP SpA, Italy's monopoly domestic telephone operator, said it was "surprised" at a steep drop in its stock, which lost 3.0 percent, to 3,147 lire (\$1.91); a trader at Pasfin Securities said it was being hurt by the exclusion of Italian concerns from a proposed venture among France Telecom, Deutsche Telekom, and American Telegraph & Telephone Co.
- Alzo NV's offer of new common shares worth about 1.3 billion guilders (\$688 million) has been placed in the Netherlands and overseas at 180 guilders a share; that compares with a Tuesday close of 180.30.
- American Eagle, a unit of AMR Corp., exercised an option to purchase 20 Super ATR 210 commuter planes valued at \$275 million, the Franco-Italian manufacturer Avions de Transport Regional said; American Eagle, a stablemate of American Airlines, has also taken 42 new options.
- VEBA AG's group net profit in the first nine months of the year fell 14 percent, to 453 million Deutsche marks (\$269 million), as electrical generation's profit improved but chemicals and petroleum were weak; VEBA said it expected earnings would keep declining through year-end.
- SEAT autoworkers shut down assembly lines at four Spanish plants and 20,000 demonstrators marched in Barcelona to protest job cuts at SEAT's Zona Franca factory that are planned by the owner, Volkswagen AG.
- Fiat SpA's chairman, Giovanni Agnelli, said carmakers would increasingly work together on specific projects but mergers of large European producers remained tough to pull off; separately, labor unions said Fiat would temporarily lay off 112,680 workers in December to reduce vehicle output by 46,900 units.
- Estée Lauder International Inc. opened its first beauty shop in Warsaw. AP, AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg

MEDIA: In Brazil, the Power of the Press Is Growing

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investigating corruption. During both inquiries of the last two years, congressional investigators routinely followed leads they had read about in the morning newspapers.

Television is getting into the act. Last month, for example, Paulo Cesar Farias, the accused mastermind of the Collor corruption scandal, surfaced in a television interview filmed in London by Globo. The nation's largest media concern, Globo includes a television and radio network and a newspaper of the same name. Brazilian police had searched in vain for Mr. Farias for six months, and that night, Globo won a whopping 80 percent of the viewing audience.

But skeptics noted that one year after the collapse of the Collor government, the only scandal participant in jail is a bit player who was tried in a Florida courtroom.

"You can denounce, you can humiliate, but you can't get someone arrested," Mr. Jabor complained.

Three weeks ago, a Veja reporter elicited an interview from an embezzled civil servant, Jose Carlos Alves dos Santos, who served as congressional and federal budget director. Today, Mr. dos Santos is awaiting trial in a Brasilia jail on charges of murdering his wife. His accusations of congressional corruption, in a Veja cover article, have touched off a house cleaning that could lead to the expulsion of more than a dozen federal deputies.

"The Brazilian press has never had a tradition of standing up to the powers that be," said Mr. Cotta, who learned about news magazines during an internship at Time magazine in the 1950s. "But in recent years, half a dozen media took the stance that we are the conscience of the nation. We call it like we see it."

Repeatedly in recent months, Brazil's newspapers and news magazines have proven more agile than Brazil's government institutions in

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Tuesday's Prices
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12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
12	33	22	Apple	2.00	10.0	18	100	33	22	30	-1
12	100	60	Microsoft	0	0	15	100	100	60	75	+5
12	45	30	Oracle	0	0	15	100	45	30	35	+2
12	12	8	Northern	0.75	3.5	15	100	12	8	10	+1
12	15	10	Intel	0	0	15	100	15	10	12	+2

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
12	10	7	IBM	4.00	4.5	15	100	10	7	8	+1
12	15	10	HP	0.50	3.5	15	100	15	10	12	+2
12	20	15	Cisco	0	0	15	100	20	15	18	+2
12	18	12	Sun	0	0	15	100	18	12	15	+3
12	12	8	Perseus	0	0	15	100	12	8	10	+2

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
12	10	7	NetScout	0	0	15	100	10	7	8	+1
12	12	8	WebTV	0	0	15	100	12	8	10	+2
12	15	10	Electronic	0	0	15	100	15	10	12	+3
12	18	12	First	0	0	15	100	18	12	15	+3
12	20	15	Ustream	0	0	15	100	20	15	18	+2

12 Month	High	Low	Stock	Div	Yld	PE	100s	High	Low	Latest	Chg
12	10	7	Micro	0	0	15	100	10	7	8	+1
12	12	8	Power	0	0	15	100	12	8	10	+2
12	15	10	Graphic	0	0	15	100	15	10	12	+3
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SPORTS

Chiefs' Defense Dumps Packers

By Thomas George
New York Times Service

KANSAS CITY — Before Joe Montana joined them, the Kansas City Chiefs would win football games this way: Defense makes big play, scores, jump-starts offense and defense wins it in the end.

There was no Joe Montana on the field when the Chiefs met the Green Bay Packers here Monday night before 76,742 fans at Arrowhead Stadium. Montana was out, still nursing his hamstring injury.

So, this is how Kansas City won: Defense made big play, scored, jump-started offense and defense won it in the end.

Kansas City beat Green Bay, 23-16, and thanked its defense all the way round for saving a game the Chiefs looked as if they could lose early, in the middle and late.

Down by six points at halftime, they scored 10 points in the third quarter to take a 13-9 lead. Linebacker Derrick Thomas' sack and strip of the Packers' quarterback Bret Favre, and tackle Dan Saleannuma's 16-yard return of Favre's fumble for a touchdown, provided

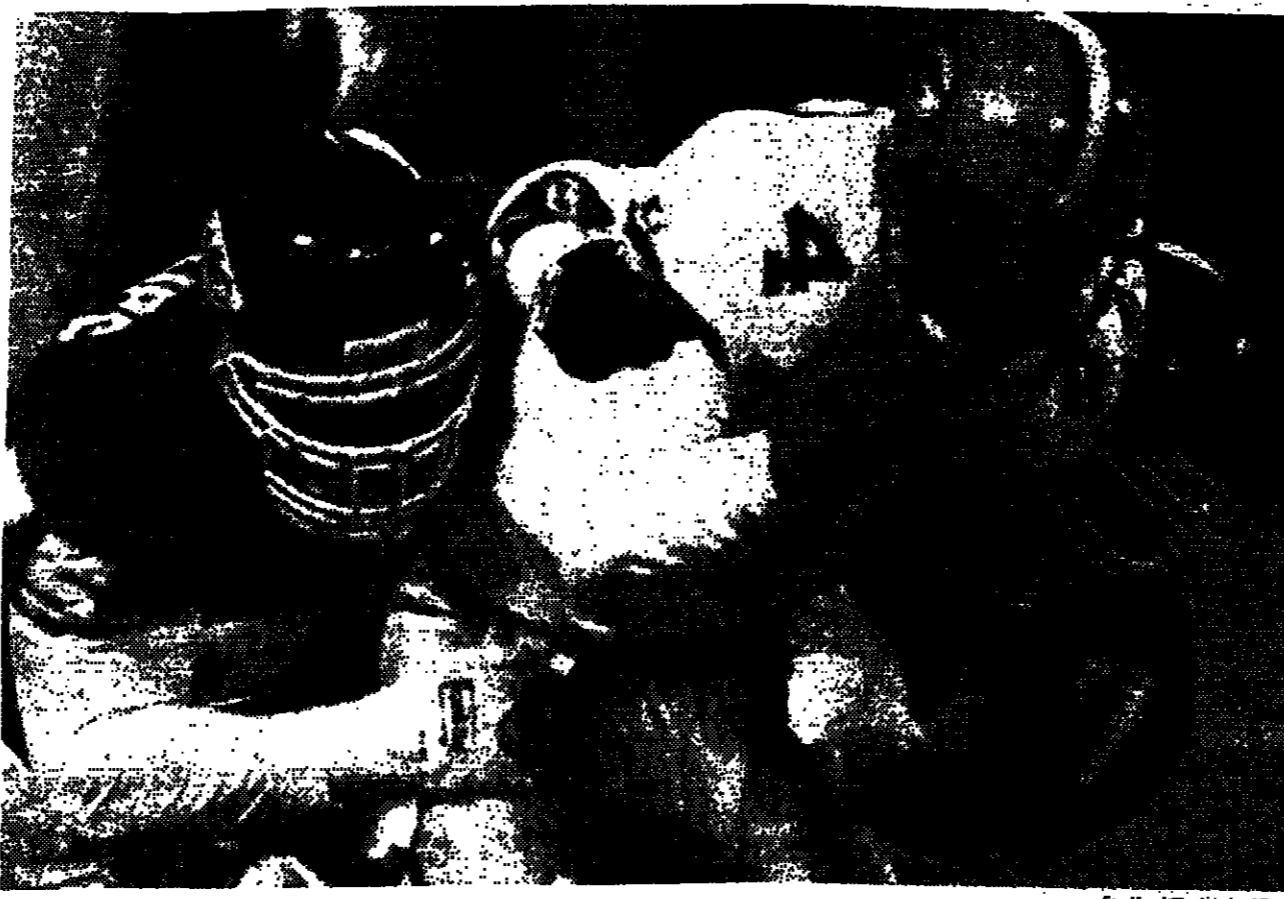
the spark. Marcus Allen's 1-yard run with 13 minutes, 34 seconds left in the game made it 20-9.

Then, with 5:37 left — after Green Bay had cut the lead to 20-16 on Favre's 35-yard pass to tight end Jackie Harris — Saleannuma and the defense struck again, this time at the Chiefs' 2. Green Bay tried running right for the go-ahead score and Saleannuma came from the middle and pulverized running back Darrell Thompson, who fumbled into the end zone, where linebacker Tracey Rogers recovered.

The Chiefs' defense wasn't through.

It was forced to stop the Packers twice more in the closing minutes. With 1:25 left, this time safety Martin Bayless intercepted a pass by Favre and it returned 16 yards to the Green Bay 30. And on the game's final play, Favre's pass was fatted out of his hands by defensive end Neil Smith.

Favre fumbled twice and threw three interceptions. With Thompson's fumble, that made six Green Bay turnovers.



The Packers' Bret Favre fumbled when hit by linebacker Derrick Thomas, right. Defensive Tackle Dan Saleannuma scored on the play.

Collision Course

International Herald Tribune

LONDON — International soccer is on a collision course involving the participants' health and the sporting essence since FIFA is determined that World Cup '94, set before a new audience in America and relayed to a widening one in Japan, will present a more wholesome spectacle than the last one, in Italy.

Specifically, the rulers are out to rid the game of tricksters who feign injury or defenders who refuse to retreat 10 yards at free kicks. FIFA's intolerance is justified, its remedies draconian and dangerous.

At stake is the body politic versus the bodies of athletes. FIFA will instruct World Cup referees to bar medical attention on the field except for cuts or serious injury.

"Feigning is cheating," insists Sepp Blatter, FIFA's general secretary. "We hope behavior will be better than in 1990. It cannot be worse."

Right thinking soccer followers will say amen to that. Many remember Carlos Valderrama, the "peroxide Gullit" of Colombia, making a mockery of the game by pretending serious injury, being picked up like a rag doll and carried to the sidelines at the 1990 World Cup. Marvellous entertainer though Valderrama can be, we despised his prompt jump off the stretcher and jog back to the fray.

Referees will now be told to punish such play-acting with a yellow card for "ungentlemanly conduct." And the players brought this on themselves. For years feigning injury has been systematic, with the Germans and Latin Americans becoming Oscar-winning actors.

Cheating is the correct term. Cheating the game, the opponent, ultimately themselves. Persuasion failed to alter attitudes, and the players' professional unions failed to curb this abuse. And to those who accuse FIFA of responding with the dollar and the rising yen in mind, so what? Sport is a competitive market, and "clean" sport is more saleable than bent.

But the onus on referees is worrying. The faster the game, the less time an arbiter has to define what he sees, and though FIFA and UEFA move inexorably toward full-time, fitter, younger refs with perfect eyesight, this means less experience in years on the pitch in dealing with decisions that must be made in split seconds.

Yet anyone who plays sports knows moments of searing pain which quickly disappear, just as they know adrenaline can mask serious injury. Nature is not always square with us. The symptoms are confused at moments of impact, and disguised under stress or elation. Machismo misleads as much as whimphiness.

The new instructions add to a referee's burden while reducing his discretion. The players are to blame. It is they who fail to respect fellow professionals, never mind authority. And those who failed to see authority's backwash coming misjudged Blatter's resolve to tackle the cheating from his office in Zurich.



Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Times.

Browns Jettison Kosar As Coach Prevails in Feud

By Frank Litsky
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — There was bad blood between Bill Belichick, the Cleveland Browns' head coach, and Bernie Kosar, their longtime quarterback, and the Browns solved it with a stunning move: They released Kosar.

The decision was ultimately made Monday by Art Modell, the Browns' owner, and it was especially difficult because his two favorite people seemed to be his coach and his quarterback.

But there was friction because Belichick believed Kosar was not the player he once was, and had benched him once this season, and Kosar believed Belichick's offense was too limited. Something had to give, and it turned out to be Kosar.

Only five weeks ago, Kosar agreed to a seven-year, \$26 million contract extension.

But it was not guaranteed, so the new collective-bargaining agreement between the club owners and the players requires the Browns to give Kosar only \$20,000 in termination pay. When he retires, he will receive \$100,000 in severance pay.

The Browns placed him on waivers, which means any other team could claim him by Tuesday afternoon for \$100.

However, that team must assume his present contract, which would have paid him more than \$2 million this year. If Kosar rejects the team that claims him, or if no one claims him, he will become a free agent. He could then sign with any team, but his contract terms would no longer be valid and he and the new team would have to agree on contract figures.

With Kosar gone and Vinny Testaverde sidelined with a shoulder separation, the Browns' quarterback will be Todd Phillips, who has started only one game in his four seasons. The backup is Brad Grobel, signed only two weeks ago. The Browns plan to sign a third quarterback this week.

Kosar will turn 30 on Nov. 25. This was his ninth season with the Browns, who chose him in the first round of a 1985 supplemental draft after he had graduated early from the University of Miami.

Norwegian Gains Shirt, Loses Shirt

The Associated Press

LILLEHAMMER, Norway — Like most Lillehammer residents, school teacher Per Hoen is pretty excited about the 1994 Winter Olympics in his hometown.

But Hoen got a little too swept up in the Olympic spirit last week and bid 15,000 kroner (\$2,000) for a Lillehammer T-shirt at a daily auction.

Every day on Lillehammer's main street, a representative of the Lillehammer Olympic Organizing Committee, dressed in old-fashioned ski clothes, hops onto a stool and clangs a cowbell to start the auction.

The prize is a one-of-a-kind Olympic T-shirt, counting down the number of days until the Games start on Feb. 12.

Last Thursday, the 100-days-to-go shirt was up for grabs, and the auction drew about 3,000 people, including Hoen.

The T-shirts, especially those with round numbers like 100, have fetched more than 25,000 kroner. So Hoen's bid should have been a safe way of joining the fun.

To his horror, the bidding stopped at 15,000. Hoen ended up with a T-shirt and a bad case of buyer's remorse.

Hoen told newspapers that he can't afford the shirt, which costs about 10 kroner to produce. He hopes to be able to return it under a law giving buyers 10 days to change their minds.

"If my lawyer doesn't think the deadline applies, I'll have to charge LOOC 15,000 kroner for my performance as a clown," he told the Oslo newspaper Verdens Gang on Tuesday.

doubtful for Sunday's game against the Phoenix Cardinals and said his condition would be reassessed daily.

"It's pretty sore and I'm sure there is some bleeding," Aikman said, "but doctors don't believe it's tearing. Nothing has been ruled out, but you'd have to be optimistic to say I'll play this week."

Fake Soccer Injuries Really Painful in '94

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ZURICH — Players who fake an injury during the World Cup finals next summer in the United States will automatically receive a yellow card, FIFA's general secretary, Sepp Blatter, said Tuesday.

He said that FIFA's referees' committee had decided that "medical attention will not be permitted on the field except for cuts or serious injury, for which a player must be carried off. Anyone quickly returning to the field will receive a yellow card for ungentlemanly conduct. Feigning is cheating."

Blatter said the automatic booking would help curb the time-wasting tactics that marred the 1990 World Cup in Italy.

"We hope behavior will be better," he said. "It cannot be worse."

Blatter said the policy of taking players off the field for treatment was used successfully at last year's Asian Cup in Japan and at last month's Asian World Cup qualifying tournament in Doha, Qatar.

"There were no problems with injuries because players knew the consequences," he said.

"Players should be aware that we are offering a spectacle to fans and television and that they should not feign injury or indulge in time-wasting," Blatter said.

He said FIFA is also discussing using linesmen to enforce the 10-meter rule on free kicks, with an automatic booking for any player from the defensive wall who is caught encroaching.

"If the process is too slow, the only alternative will be to adopt the rugby practice, where the free kick is advanced 10 meters if there is a further infringement," he said.

"Linesmen will be instructed to

FROM ANOTHER SWISS OFFICE...

in Geneva, Eric Cantona's immediate prospects will be decided Thursday when UEFA's disciplinary committee reviews his insinuations that a referee cheated last week.

UEFA against Cantona is terribly sad. English soccer has been lifted by his brushstrokes of flair and imagination, which guided Leeds United and Manchester United to league titles in successive seasons.

Cantona puts grace into English blood and thunder. He caresses the ball and the game. Only last Sunday, he transcended the Manchester "derby" between City and United, scoring twice and galvanizing United to come from two goals down to win, 3-2.

At the end, a terrible, vindictive hack at his ankles earned the perpetrator a yellow card. Cantona shrugged it off. No play-acting, no insinuation, no attempt to get a fellow professional sent off.

But Cantona, to whom the English have taken as a reformed Eric Terrible, had to be on his best behavior. In Istanbul, four days earlier, he had blown his top.

United was overwhelmed by the Turks (and Germans and Swiss) who play for Galatasaray. Cantona was legitimately stifled by a big German defender, and lost his self-control in the 77th minute. Incensed by what he regarded as a Turk feigning injury to waste time, Cantona ran wild-eyed to the perimeter track, kicked the ball out of a reserve player's hands, elbowed the referee, and almost incited a riot.

The Swiss referee, Kurt Rothlisberger, leniently permitted Cantona to stay in the match. At the final whistle, the Frenchman strutted toward the referee, shook his hand, pointed to his eyes and spoke out of turn.

Foolish Cantona. He chose a Swiss who teaches French to schoolboys and whose tolerance to grown-up idiosyncrasy was exhausted. Rothlisberger showed Cantona the red card.

Compounding that, Cantona was manhandled by a Turkish riot cop, who appeared to punch the player on the back of the head. Moments later, in interviews with a French newspaper and TV, Cantona is said to have insinuated that Rothlisberger had favored Galatasaray by not adding on sufficient stoppage time.

Worse, Cantona allegedly said referees were "bought" all the time in European matches. Rothlisberger, who handled the match well, is rightly zealous in protecting his good name.

Cantona is not allowed to appear before UEFA in his own defense. But, coming a week after UEFA banned Bulgaria's Georgi Donkov from internationals for five years for spitting at a referee, Cantona is scared stiff that he will be barred from next week's World Cup qualifier between France and Bulgaria.

"If Uefa don't allow me to play for my country, it would prove there is injustice in football," Cantona claims, adding that Uefa is "trying to hide because the fact that I was hit over the head after the game in Istanbul is their responsibility."

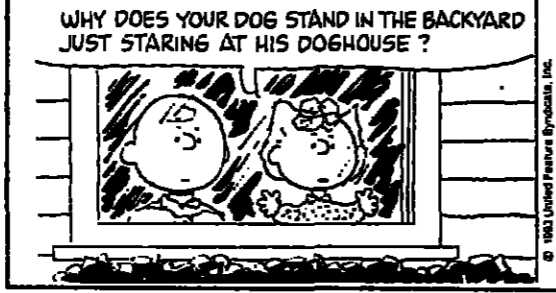
Alas, poor Eric. I adore him for his skills, but his logic is a mite desperate. An assault by Turkish police is a matter for Turkish law; a verbal assault on an umpire is not one UEFA can ignore.

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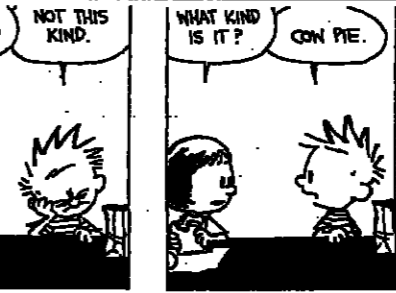
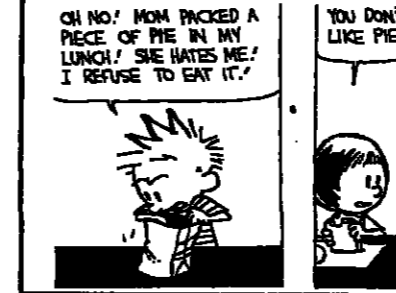
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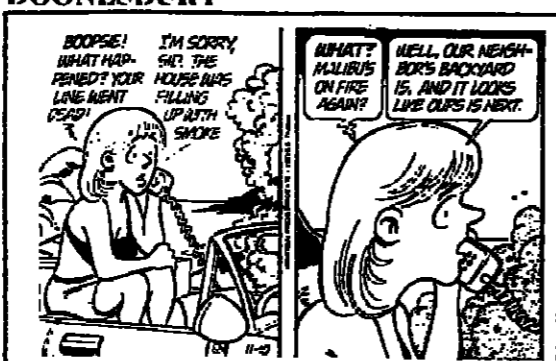
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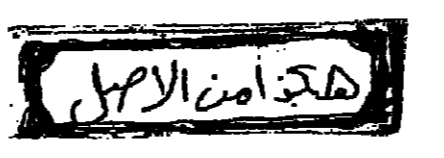
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The Funless Campus

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — Inside Edge, a magazine published by and for college students, has rated 300 colleges and universities as most-fun and least-fun schools. The bottom five (absolute least-fun) are: 296. U.S. Naval Academy, 297. Johns Hopkins University, 298. Rochester Institute of Technology, 299. U.S. Military Academy, 300. University of Chicago.

one side. When the weather was good a few dozen students might abandon organic-chemistry lab to sit in the sun and practice their Chauvian English accents while watching the football game. Fun was watching the ROTC cadets drilling at lunch time. When that made you giddy, you could go into the YMCA hall and eavesdrop on engineering students discussing flaws in their slide rules.

Viper Room: Chateau Marmont for '90s

By Trip Gabriel

LOS ANGELES — To the list that includes the Chateau Marmont and the Chelsea Hotel, establishments made notorious by the untimely deaths of John Belushi and Sid Vicious, there now might be added another name: the Viper Room. The Hollywood club outside which the actor River Phoenix collapsed in convulsions and died Oct. 31.

stopped, and two drunken Australian surfers had their picture snapped by the driver. "Now," said one who would give only the fictitious name Biff Malibu, "how do we get into the club?"



Fans deposit flowers and messages at entrance to the Hollywood club.

River Phoenix's death brings an unwelcome glare to an insiders' club

There is no VIP area, except for Depp's private booth, separated from the main room by a two-way mirror. Besides attracting stars who want to avoid glitzy clubs, the Viper Room has been a magnet for well-known musicians interested in performing impromptu sets.

They want to get up and dance, they don't have to feel like 500 people are going to stomp around them," said Dean Miller, a disk jockey at the club. "It can be a frightening experience when that happens."

call for paramedics shortly after 1 A.M. after Phoenix had been helped out to the sidewalk. There, he went into convulsions and cardiac arrest.

PEOPLE

An American Accent For French Movies? Read their lips? As the French battle for their film industry in world trade talks, and Hollywood blockbusters like "Jurassic Park" continue to sweep France, a French producer thinks he may have the answer to breaking into the American mass market.

WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for Europe, Asia, Africa, North America, Middle East, and Latin America. Columns include location, today's high/low, and tomorrow's high/low.

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Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution to the puzzle of Nov. 9.

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